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THE PAST YEAR.

The past hospital year which closed Oct. 31st has been one of more than usual interest, and will probably rank as the most eventful one in our history, in regard to amount of work accomplished, and number of improvements made in the hospital building.

In the reports to be presented to the annual meeting of the governors on the 26th of this month will be shown the extent of the expenditure in the direction of improvements. Beginning with the painting of the whole interior at a cost of \$550, we have wound up with a material transformation of the diet kitchens, main kitchen, and laundry, and have added to our coal storage room by the erection of a large exterior shed. Communication between the main building and the maternity annex has been established on all three floors, and the idle space formerly occupied by the light shaft has been utilized throughout its length. Air and light have been admitted to the basement and new means of exit from laundry have been provided. Hardwood

floors have been laid in two large private wards, and in the main and diet kitchens.

Alterations and improvements to the plumbing to the extent of \$250 have been made throughout the hospital, and an extra sum of \$225 has been expended in additional interior and exterior painting. Electric bells have been installed in all the private wards, and electric light has been furnished to many of the private and semi-private wards.

The cost of the various improvements and alterations will fall little short of \$1,500, about half of which sum we have been enabled to pay off ere the year closed. Much of the work that was done should have been undertaken long ago, and much of it might have been saved had we had our present experience when the new hospital addition was erected.

We have now, so far as our means will permit, a fairly convenient working institution which, with a few additions and alterations, could be made one of the model hospitals of the land. For instance, the extension of the side galleries would give room for additional surgical facilities now much needed. The purchase of the house adjoining the maternity annex would give us a Nurses' Home as well as two more extra large private wards. The fitting up of the large roofs would give us sun parlors and convalescent wards, which the erection of a first-class elevator would render of easy access.

The rapid and phenomenal growth of our hospital is a matter for congratulation to all the friends of homœo-